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## DWYER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT

Waukesha, Wis. – Waukesha County Executive and County Board Chairman James Dwyer announced today that he will appoint Thomas R. Hefty to serve as County Executive.

Dwyer said, "It goes without saying that Tom Hefty has an impressive resume and clearly is qualified for this job. He is also a man of integrity and is dedicated to making Waukesha County a better place to live, work, and raise a family."

Hefty serves as counsel for the Waukesha office of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and is President of the Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation (WCEDC). He also is an adjunct professor of business administration at Ripon College. He retired in 2003 after serving as CEO of Cobalt (Blue Cross Blue Shield) for more than 16 years. During the interim appointment, Hefty will step down from both the WCEDC and the Reinhart positions.

Hefty also worked with Governors Dreyfus, Thompson, and Doyle during his career. Most recently, he served on Secretary Thompson's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform and served as co-chair of Governor Doyle's Economic Growth Council. He also is a board member of the Wisconsin Technology Council.

Hefty is the past chair of the Wisconsin Foundation of Independent Colleges, Competitive Wisconsin, and the Public Policy Forum. He has served on numerous other business and civic boards. In 2002 he received an honorary doctorate from Ripon College, and in 2003 he was recognized as an outstanding alumnus by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Association.

"I am truly honored that Jim Dwyer asked me to fulfill the role as County Executive during this significant transition," said Hefty. "Waukesha County is a proven public sector leader, and it is my privilege to serve the community in this capacity. I look forward to working with Waukesha County's dedicated partners and staff to maintain its many noteworthy achievements."

The Waukesha County Board will be asked to approve Dwyer's appointment at the County Board meeting on September 27. Upon County Board approval, the Interim County Executive will serve until the newly elected County Executive takes office later this fall.

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